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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9715
INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI
AMCONSUL LAHORE
USMISSION GENEVA
AMCONSUL PESHAWAR POUCH

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STATE FOR RP/IAR

INFO. 12356: N/A
TAGS: SREF, ICRC, PK
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE USG CONTRIBUTION TO ICRC PARAPLEGIC
CENTER IN PESHAWAR

REF: (A) PESHAWAR 0960 (NOTAL) (B) STATE 319188
(C) GENEVA 10890 (D) GENEVA 11552

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY STRONGLY
ENDORSES USG FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ICRC PARAPLEGIC
CENTER IN PESHAWAR. BASED ON ICRC MEMO SENT BY GENEVA
TO RP/IAR NOV. 2. U.S. SUPPORT OF THIS WORTHY PROJECT
IS DEMONSTRATION BOTH OF OUR CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO
AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF AND OUR DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A
FACILITY THAT WILL BE OF PERMANENT VALUE TO PAKISTAN.
WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY OBJECTIONS FROM GOP RE USE OF
COUNTERPART RUPEES. BUT WILL NEED TO SUBMIT FORMAL RE-
QUEST WHEN USG FUNDING HAS BEEN APPROVED.

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2. AS DEPT IS AWARE, ICRC HAS HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
GOP AND PAKISTAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY CONCERNING THE
PROPOSED CENTER FOR TREATMENT OF PARAPLEGICS, BOTH AFGHAN
AND PAKISTANI, IN THE PESHAWAR AREA. THE
SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SIDA) HAS
TRANSFERRED (\$F) 700,000 (SEE REF D) TO THE ICRC TO GET
THE BUILDING STARTED. ICRC IS CONFIDENT THAT IT CAN
LOCATE AND TRAIN NECESSARY STAFF BY THE TIME CONSTRUCTION
IS COMPLETED. NOW ICRC NEEDS TO RAISE FUNDS (ESTIMATED

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AT SF 43,000 PER MONTH) FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF OPERATION. WHILE ICRAC HAS ASKED FOR TOTAL OF SF 1,548,000 FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS OPERATING COST, WE UNDERSTAND THAT USG CAN COMMIT FUNDS FOR ONLY ONE YEAR. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT WE PLEDGE RUPEE EQUIVALENT OF DOLS 250,000 (OR DOLLARS IF AVAILABLE) FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION FROM FY 83 FUNDS. INDICATING OUR INTENT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE SECOND AND THIRD YEARS, BUT NOTING OUR INABILITY TO COMMIT FUNDS FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR AT A TIME.

3. AS NOTED PARA 4, REF D, SIDA AND SWEDISH RED CROSS
 WILL ONLY DECIDE IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1983 WHETHER TO
 CONTRIBUTE TO RUNNING COSTS OF ICRC PARAPLEGIC CENTER.
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